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SUBJECT: MARINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT PANAMA (MAPP)

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO INFORM YOU OF PROPOSED VISIT TO PANAMANIAN WATERS OF SUBJECT EXPEDITION. MAPP IS A JOINT US-UK PRIVATE EXPEDITION WITH PARTICIPATION BY THE UNIVERSITIES OF NORTH WALES, LIVERPOOL AND TEXAS, AND INCLUDES CITIZENS OF THE U.S., UK, SWEDEN, AND PANAMA. PROJECT HAS CONSENT AND SUPPORT OF THE GOP INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL CULTURE. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO SEARCH FOR SHIPS AND OTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIAL RELATED TO 16TH CENTURY ACTIVITIES OF COLUMBUS, SIR FRANCIS DRAKE, AND HENRY MORGAN IN WATERS NEAR PANAMA. PROJECT DIRECTOR IS MR. SYDNEY WIGNALL.

2. MAPP IS ALSO SUBJECT OF TELEGRAM FROM CNO WASHINGTON TO COMUSNAVSO WITH INFO COPY TO EMBASSY REQUESTING USE OF NAVY PIER FACILITIES IN CANAL ZONE.

3. EMBASSY IS NOT REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE BUT WIGNALL ASKED THAT AMBASSADOR BE INFORMED AS COURTESY. ARA/PAN POUCHING FULLER DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT FYI. ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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